

through bulletins and other announcements, will be kept in touch with the activities of their state and county society officers. It is hoped, when a call for special action is received by a C.M.A. member, that the response in efficient coöperation and service will be promptly forthcoming.

Some excerpts from the resolutions adopted at the special session of the C.M.A. House of Delegates in January last, may be restated for readers:

"Resolved, That recent proposals to establish some form of compulsory health insurance in this State have come at the last minute without any opportunity for adequate consideration and planning by any of the many interested groups, or sufficient time for interchange of opinions and knowledge. . . ."

"Resolved, That the California Medical Association is of the firm conviction that no fundamental and revolutionary change in the practice of medicine should be made under present wartime conditions. If disruption occurs in the rendering of medical service, the result can well be a catastrophe for the people of the State. . . ."

"Resolved, That the California Medical Association cannot endorse any system of compulsory health insurance which has thus far come to its attention. . . ."

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A Defective Sickness Insurance Law Would Be a Real Calamity.—To be kept in mind is the important fact that a defective sickness insurance law will aggravate whatever deficiencies in medical service may now exist. To inflict such a defective law upon the people of California would be unpardonable.

A careful study of existing needs by a properly implemented State Commission would seem to be in order, before California embarks upon a compulsory sickness insurance plan such as would come into operation if either the C.I.O. (A.B. 449) bill or Governor Warren's measure (A.B. 800), were enacted by the Legislature.

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C.M.A. Bill (A.B. 1200) Offers a Solution.—If the proponents of immediate action in sickness insurance are in earnest about giving better medical care to certain wage groups, a proper beginning may be made through the enactment into law of the bill submitted by the California Medical Association (A.B. 1200).

The old slogan, "Stop, Look and Listen" should be taken to heart by those who advocate the enactment of compulsory sickness insurance laws that contain implications dangerous to the best interests of the public health.

Otherwise, if they should by chance succeed in their endeavors, they and the other citizens of California may long live to rue their undue haste with which they brought about the enactment into law of their immature, poorly conceived and impractical plans.

C.M.A. MEETING OF MAY 6-7, 1945

Session to be Held in Los Angeles—Will be a Local Meeting.—The Office of Defense Transportation does not give approval to meet-

ings necessitating public carrier travel by more than 50 persons.

When the C.M.A. House of Delegates meets in Los Angeles on Sunday-Monday, May 6-7, 1945, the number of official delegates using public carriers from northern and other county medical societies will be held down to less than 50, as stated in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for February, on page 97.

The meetings of scientific sections will be practically local in character; that is, attendance and participation will be largely by members of the Los Angeles and contiguous county medical societies, who can use their own automobile transportation in travel, returning to their homes on each of the two evenings, in that manner doing away with the use of hotel accommodations. Papers will be read "by title" (the essayist not being required to be in attendance), or through agreement, by some member of the Los Angeles or other nearby county society as noted in the CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE item referred to above.

For the information of C.M.A. members who may look with suspicion upon a meeting under auspices as here outlined, as being too small in scope, it may be in order to call attention to the fact that only ten state medical societies have a larger membership than the Los Angeles County Medical Association. The number of members credited to the ten state associations of larger size, as listed in the J.A.M.A. of April 29, 1944, include: New York, 18,908; Pennsylvania, 9,951; Illinois, 8,623; (California, 7,550); Ohio, 6,752; Massachusetts, 5,528; Texas, 4,607; Michigan, 4,567; New Jersey, 4,294; Indiana, 3,397; and Missouri, 3,252.

The above figures are given to remind Los Angeles County and other members that, even though this year's session of the C.M.A. will be "local," it should be possible to have adequate attendance at the meetings of scientific sections, without conflicting with the rules of the Office of Defense Transportation.

In this, as at last year's session, there will be no scientific or commercial exhibits. Nor will there be any dinners or social events.

Meetings will be held, not in hotels, but in the Elks Temple lodge rooms and the headquarters of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The publicity regarding the scientific programs will be largely carried on through the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

All papers, whether read by title or otherwise, will be eligible for consideration and possible publication in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, thus insuring up-to-date articles for readers of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

Members in and about Los Angeles who can attend under the conditions noted above, should make note of the days and arrange to be present.

In due course, additional notices pertaining to the meeting will appear.*

* See also item on page 137.